administration of measles vaccine from Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu on 23rd April, 2008 and four deaths were reported from Waghola village of Aurangabad district of Maharashtra on 27th September, 2008.

As per the clinico-epidemiological investigations, the probable cause of death could be due to Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS).

(c) Effective supervision at outreach clinics, monitoring, reporting and management of adverse events following immunization would prevent/minimize the consequences of serious adverse events that may rarely occur. Vaccinator's training for taking all necessary precautions during vaccination will also minimize occurrence of serious adverse events.

Upgradation of medical colleges

847. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), several medical colleges in the country have been upgraded by providing central financial assistance;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the oldest medical institution at Amritsar, Punjab has not been included under PMSSY scheme of upgradation; and

(c) the steps being taken to include Amritsar Medical College under PMSSY and sanction of special grants to this institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In the first phase of PMSSY, 13 existing Government medical college institutions are being upgraded. List of institutions being upgraded is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Since Government of India is running PGIMER, Chandigarh, no existing Government medical college institution in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh were taken up for upgradation in the first phase of PMSSY. However, of late there has been considerable increase and over crowding of referral patients to PGIMER, Chandigarh. Taking into account the fact and request of State Government of Punjab, it is proposed to upgrade Government Medical College, Amritsar, in the second phase of PMSSY. The Planning Commission has accorded 'in principle approval'. Necessary approvals are being obtained.

Gap analysis/assessment of requirements in Government medical college, Amritsar in terms of civil construction and provision of equipment was carried out by Central technical team comprising of MoHFW officials, CDB architects, Engineers and PGIMER faculty members in September, 2008. Government Medical College, Amritsar/ Government of Punjab have been advised to prepare a Project Report, based on the inputs received from the technical team.

Statement

List of medical college institutions upgraded in the first phase of PMSSY

1. Govt. Medical College, Jammu (J&K)
2. Govt. Medical College, Srinagar (J&K)
3. Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata (W.B.)

4. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow (U.P.)

5. Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi (U.P.)

6. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad(A.P.)

7. Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences,Tirupati (A.P.) (50% cost of upgradation will be borne by the TTD Trust)

8. Govt. Medical College, Salem (T.N.)

9. B J. Medical College, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

10. Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore (Karnataka)

11. Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, (Kerala)

12. Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi

13. Grants Medical College & Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai, (Maharashtra).

Upgradation of the above institutions was approved by CCEA on 22.6.2006 except RIMS, Ranchi, for which CCEA approval was obtained on 26.4.2007.

Effective implementation of rural healthcare schemes

848. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the rural healthcare schemes are not implemented effectively;

(b) whether the doctors are discharging their duties properly in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs); and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to see that PHCs are functioning effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It is not correct to conclude that the rural healthcare schemes are not implemented effectively. All healthcare schemes are being implemented through 145,272 subcentres, 22370 Primary Health Centres, 4045 Community Health Centres, 558 District hospitals. As on Sept 2007, 22608 doctors are in position at the level of PHCs in the country, out of 22370, PHCs, 6669 are reported to be operational round the clock.

(c) Several steps are being undertaken to make sure that the PHCs are functioning effectively. At the level of PHC, Rogi Kalyan Samiti has been formed with the help of PRIs, CBOs, Government organizations who would be looking after functioning of PHC. In addition to regular monitoring by external agencies and Union Government through various agencies, district health mission and State health mission are also monitoring the functioning of PHC for ensuring them functional and effective. These organizations are ensuring for better and effective health services at all levels including PHCs.

Increase in the number of cardiac patients

†849. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.